

COUNTRY Russ. Germany Approved For Release 2002/07/15 : CIA-RDP80-00810A001100480008-9TOPIC Schoenwalde Airfield

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EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT 6 February to 17 March 1953

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DATE PREPARED 7 April 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 6 February 1953, source entered Schoenwalde airfield and also determined from the consumption of current that the Unit Gonchar was still stationed at the field. There was air activity by five Po-2s which circled over the field, apparently making practice flights. Sections of the field were covered with snow. On 11 February, there was air activity by eight twin-engine planes with double rudder assemblies which took off from and landed at the runway which was free of snow. The planes flew in formations of three while one plane, apparently the one of the flight instructor, flew at some distance.

2. Between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 23 February, no air activity was observed. There was a closed cloud base and visibility of 6 km. It appeared that there was no military activity on this day which was the Day of the Red Army. Three single-engine planes were parked in the southeastern corner of the field. No additional aircraft were observed. On 17 March, 17 twin-engine aircraft were counted at the field, while additional planes were aloft. Between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., 6 to 8 individual take-offs were made and only three landings were observed.

4. On 28 February, four planes with double rudder assemblies were parked in the eastern section of the field. Some of the planes circled over the field at about 1 p.m. Two twin-engine planes landed at the field at about 9:45 a.m. on 5 March. Between 4 and 5 p.m. on 11 March, take-offs and landings were made by three twin-engine planes. Between 11 and 11:30 a.m. on 12 March, two Po-2s and a Yak-14 plane took off. Source did not observe that the planes landed at the field.

1. Comment. Schoenwalde airfield is occupied by a target-tow unit equipped with Tu-2 planes. Commanding officer of the unit is Major Gonchar.

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